Chapter
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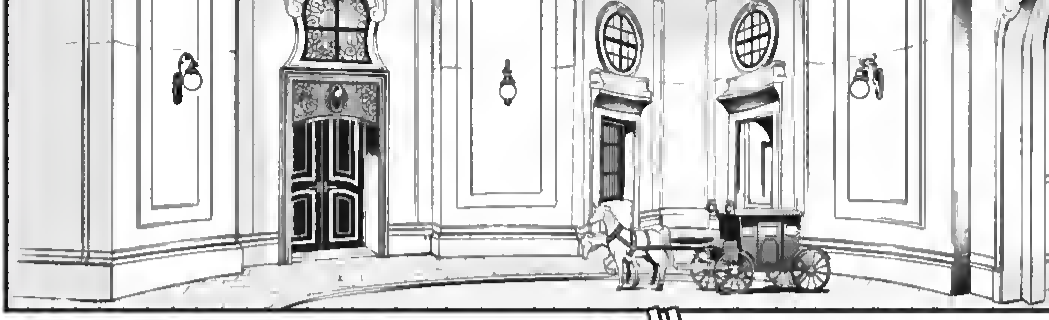
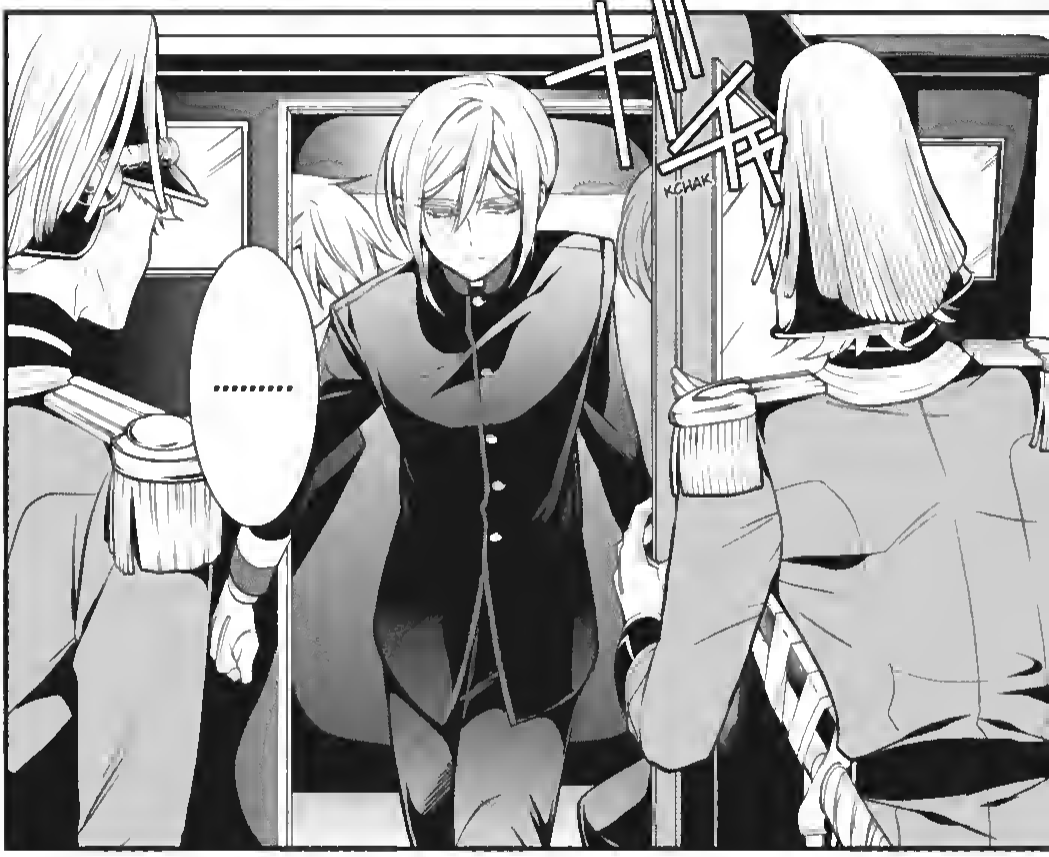
Higasa
Akai
THE
ROYAL
TUTOR

GET EVERYTHING YOU CAN OUT OF THAT ROYAL TUTOR...
...AND PROVE THAT YOU CAN SURPASS ME AS A CANDIDATE FOR KING.
EVEN JUST ONE OF YOU.
IF YOU CAN, THAT IS!

Are you ready?
It's time to over-come the rain...
...and ring in the summer.

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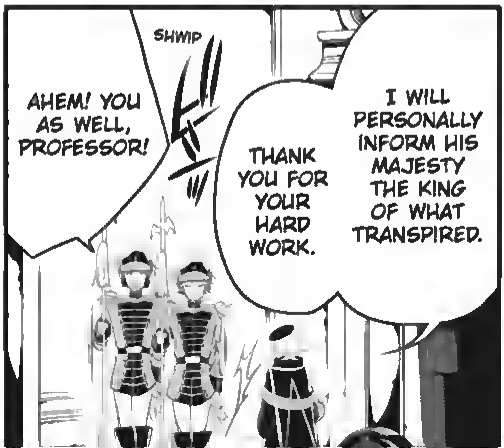
SHWIP
AHEM! YOU AS WELL, PROFESSOR!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK.
I WILL PERSONALLY INFORM HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF WHAT TRANSPIRED.

WHEW... WHAT A RELIEF WE WERE ABLE TO COME BACK SO QUICKLY!
I THOUGHT I'D HAVE A HEART ATTACK WHEN THE PRINCES RUSHED OUT OF THE PALACE.

MUTTER
...HUH...
SURPASS EINS AS A CANDIDATE FOR KING...
.....
WHEW... THANK GOODNESS THAT'S OVER.
.....
I'M NOT THAT CONFIDENT, I GUESS...
I COULDN'T SAY ANYTHING BACK TO THAT...
I ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE.
I WILL TAKE HIM UP ON HIS DECLARATION OF WAR!
I SHALL BECOME A FORCE WHICH STRIKES FEAR IN EVEN EINS! THIS I SWEAR!

I COULD NEVER. THAT IS FAR TOO TERRIFYING.
BLUNT
きっぱり。
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT RIGHT TO HIS FACE.
MOREOVER, EINS IS NOT MY ONLY OPPONENT.
AHEM.
...UNTIL I CAN DECLARE IT TO HIM DIRECTLY.
I WILL HAVE TO DEVOTE MYSELF TO MY STUDIES AND BOLSTER MY CONFI-DENCE...
I NEEDN'T REMIND YOU THAT WE ARE ALL FOUR OF US RIVALS AS WELL.

KAI. LEONHARD. LICHT.
I WILL NOT LOSE TO ANY OF YOU!
HEY, I'M NOT ABOUT TO LOSE EITHER.
I COULDN'T LIVE IN A LAND RULED BY A KING AS HARD-HEADED AS YOU, BRUNO!
CLENCH
R... RIVALS?
I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN, BUT I'LL DO MY BEST!
WHIRL
MASTER! PLEASE TEACH US MORE OF WHAT WE MUST LEARN TO BECOME KING!
WE'LL TAKE ON ANY LESSONS YOU THROW AT US, PROFESSOR!

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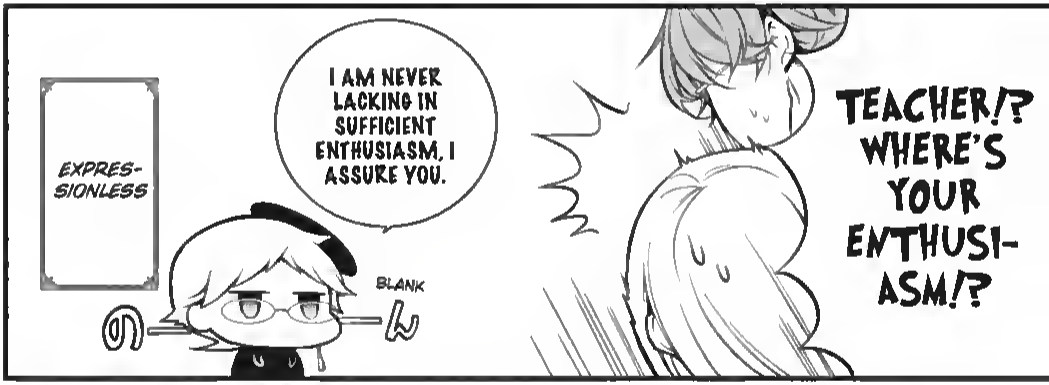
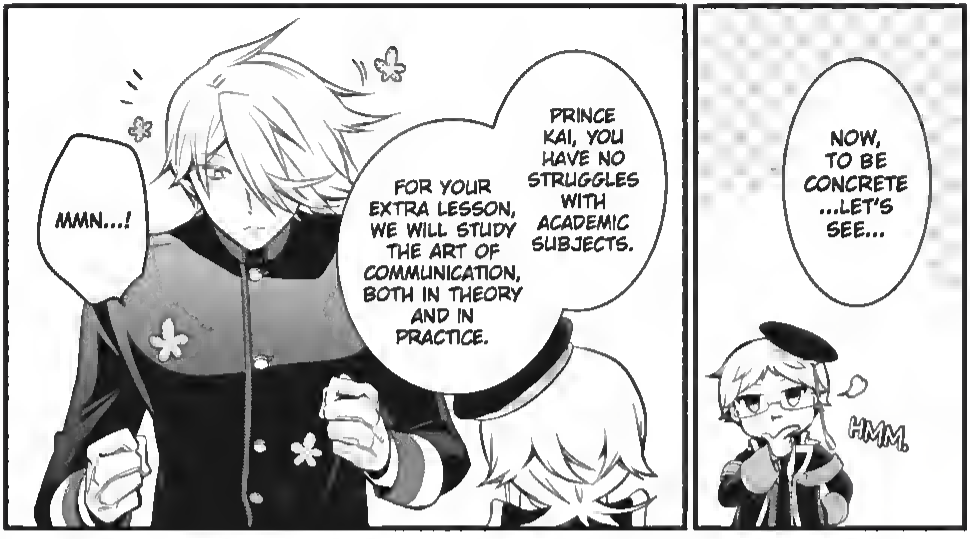
LIKE
AH...YES... OF COURSE...

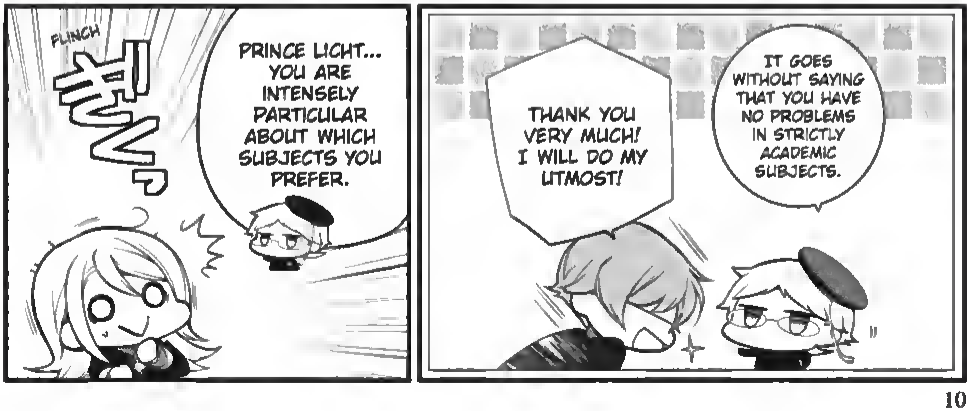

EXPRES-SIONLESS
I AM NEVER LACKING IN SUFFICIENT ENTHUSIASM, I ASSURE YOU.
BLANK
TEACHER!? WHERE'S YOUR ENTHUSI-ASM!?

OOH...
WE WILL USE THAT TIME TO FOCUS ON POLISHING YOUR WEAKNESSES. DOES THIS SOUND ACCEPTABLE?
HERE IS MY PROPOSAL, THEN. SHALL WE ADD ONE EXTRA LESSON PER PERSON EACH WEEK IN ONE SUBJECT?

AH... EXCUSE ME, MASTER, BUT...
...WOULD THAT NOT INCREASE YOUR OWN WORKLOAD AS WELL?
THAT IS NOT A CONCERN.
I DERIVE THE GREATEST PLEASURE FROM HEARING MY STUDENTS DECLARE THAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO LEARN MORE.
NURTURING SUCH FEELINGS TO THE BEST OF ONE'S ABILITIES IS ANOTHER PART OF AN EDUCATOR'S JOB.
TEACHER...


MMN...!
FOR YOUR EXTRA LESSON, WE WILL STUDY THE ART OF COMMUNICATION, BOTH IN THEORY AND IN PRACTICE.
PRINCE KAI, YOU HAVE NO STRUGGLES WITH ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.
NOW, TO BE CONCRETE ...LET'S SEE...
HMM.

YOU WILL STUDY DIFFERING PHILOSOPHIES AND VALUES.
...WITH MORE EXTRA-CURRICULAR EXPERIENCES OUTSIDE OF THE PALACE, SHALL WE?
FOR YOU, PRINCE BRUNO, WE WILL BUILD UPON YOUR RECENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE...


FLINCH
PRINCE LICHT... YOU ARE INTENSELY PARTICULAR ABOUT WHICH SUBJECTS YOU PREFER.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH! I WILL DO MY UTMOST!
IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT YOU HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN STRICTLY ACADEMIC SUBJECTS.

FWIP
SLUMP
Y...YES, SIIIR...
UGH, SOUNDS LIKE WORK!
WE SHALL FOCUS PARTICULARLY ON FOREIGN LANGUAGES. ALL OF THEM.
YOU PERFORM SLIGHTLY WORSE IN THE HUMANITIES THAN MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE.
HEINE, HEINE! WHAT ABOUT ME!?
SPARKLE
I DO HAVE A TALENT FOR ALL THINGS PHYSICAL, DON'T I!
I SUPPOSE I'D SAY I COULD DO A LITTLE BETTER IN... OH, MAYBE... MATH! EH-HEH!
MMM!
YES... FOR YOU...

FOR YOU, PRINCE LEONHARD, WE WILL CONTINUE ON THE SAME COURSE.
WE WILL STUDY THE BASICS ACROSS THE BOARD.
NNNH...

WHY, BECAUSE YOU HAVE YET TO MASTER THEM.
RAWR
WHYYY !!?

URGH... NNGH...
AND IN LANGUAGE ...
YOU DO NOT GRASP EVEN THE GENERAL TIMELINE OF GRANZREICH HISTORY.
IN MATHEMATICS, YOU CANNOT YET MULTIPLY AND DIVIDE WITH THREE-DIGIT FIGURES.

MASTER KNOWS WHAT IS BEST FOR YOU.
THAT'S RIGHT, LEONHARD!
NNH...
WITHOUT A SOLID FOUNDATION, NO MATTER HOW MUCH YOU STUDY, YOU WILL NOT PROGRESS.

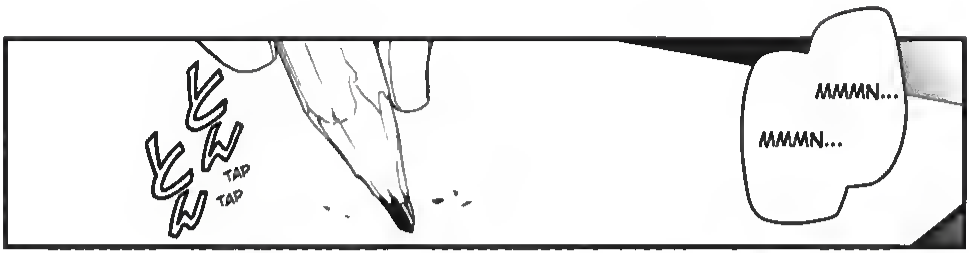
.....
FINE.

BUT, BUT, BUT I'M THE ONLY ONE WHOSE STUDIES YOU AREN'T CHANGING! YOU'RE CUTTING CORNERS WITH ME, AREN'T YOU!?
THE FUNDAMENTALS ARE PARAMOUNT.
IT IS NOT CUTTING CORNERS
GRRR

...I'LL JUST HAVE TO MASTER THESE "FUNDAMENTALS" YOU SPEAK OF, THEN, WON'T I!?
IN OTHER WORDS ...
I'LL FINISH THEM OFF LICKETY-SPLIT, EVEN WITHOUT YOUR HELP!

WHIRL
YOU'LL REGRET MAKING A FOOL OF ME, HEINE!
WAIT! YOUR HIGH-NESS..!
BONK
SHWOOSH
NINNY!
NINNY!
UH-OH... HE THREW A TANTRUM.
WHILE IT IS EXCELLENT THAT HE SHOWS INCREASED CONCERN FOR HIS STUDIES...
...I DO WORRY ABOUT HIS HABIT OF THROWING FITS.

BAM
HMPH!
I'LL SHOW HIM...!
THERE!
FIRST, I'LL GO OVER EVERYTHING WE'VE LEARNED SO FAR!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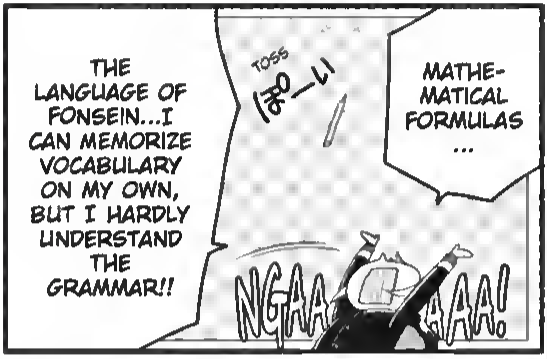
THE LANGUAGE OF FONSEIN...I CAN MEMORIZE VOCABULARY ON MY OWN, BUT I HARDLY UNDERSTAND THE GRAMMAR!!
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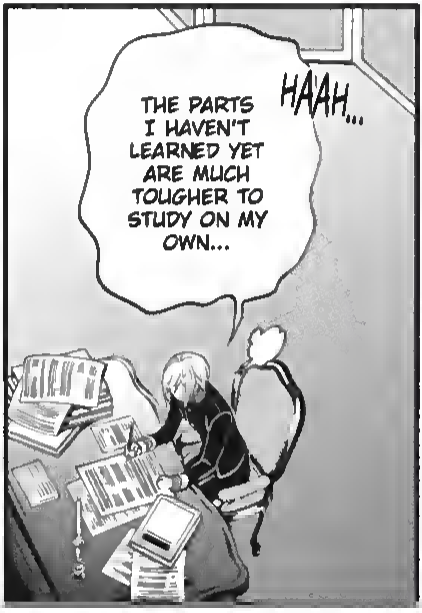
MATHE-MATICAL FORMULAS ...
NGAA
AAA!


HAAH...
THE PARTS I HAVEN'T LEARNED YET ARE MUCH TOUGHER TO STUDY ON MY OWN...

SHOULD I ASK HEINE FOR HELP?

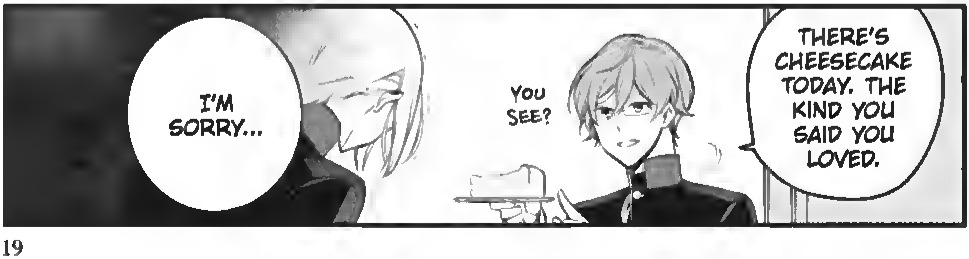
WHAT IS IT, LEONHARD?
AH, TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM, YOU...
DEAREST BROTHER BRUNO WOULD TEACH ME PATIENTLY, I'M SURE!
HE'S SO SMART AND SOOO COOL!

YOU WERE SO FULL OF BLUSTER
BUT YOU CANNOT STUDY WITHOUT ME AFTER ALL, CAN YOU? VERY WELL IF I MUST...
WAIT! MY BROTHERS WILL BE GATHERED FOR DINNER NOW. I CAN ASK THEM!

HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL YOU!?
OH, CALM DOWN, BRUNHILDE!
EH HEH HEH~
EH HEH HEH~
LA LA LA!
CHAK
ALL THAT STUDYING LEFT ME TIRED, ANYWAY. MAYBE I'LL TAKE A BREAK AND CHAT WITH THEM OVER DINNER!
SQUABBLE
わあ
SQUABBLE
わあ
BUTTON YOUR COLLAR AROUND YOUR NECK PROPERLY!
NO WAAAY! THAT WOULD SABOTAGE MY SEXINESS!
THEY'RE THE COMPETITION I HAVE TO SURPASS... THEY'RE... ENEMIES...
ALL OF MY BROTHERS ARE MY RIVALS, AND THEY'RE SO FAR AHEAD OF ME...
"WE ARE ALL FOUR OF US RIVALS."
...
...!
SQUEEZE

IF I WASTE TIME CARRYING ON HERE WITH THEM...
...I'LL NEVER, EVER CATCH UP, WILL I?

COME IN. LET'S HAVE DINNER.
WHY ARE YOU STANDING IN THE DOORWAY, LEON-HARD?


I'M SORRY...
YOU SEE?
THERE'S CHEESECAKE TODAY. THE KIND YOU SAID YOU LOVED.

WHAM
...ENEMIES!!
YOU AND I ARE... ARE...
E... ENE-MIES?
UHHH...
EH!?
HUH!?
DASH
GOOD-BYE!!

I NEED TO MAKE UP FOR MY LATE START!
I UNDERSTAND NOW. IF I WANT TO CATCH UP TO THEM...
...THEN I HAVE TO STUDY EVEN WHEN THEY'RE HAVING FUN!
SLAM
I'LL TAKE MY MEALS IN MY OWN ROOM AND EAT AS LITTLE AS POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE TIME I SPEND DINING.
I'LL HAVE TO TURN DOWN TORTE FOR DESSERT!
...
I'LL USE MY SLEEPING TIME TO STUDY TOO...
...IF I DO THAT...

...I CAN GET CLOSER TO BEING A WORTHY CANDIDATE FOR THE THRONE, I KNOW IT...!
.....

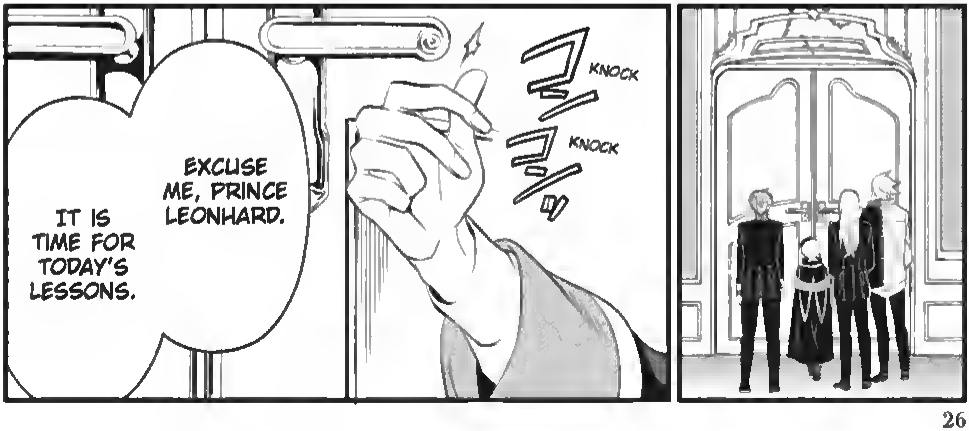
MASTER!
ARE YOU ON YOUR WAY TO TUTOR LEONHARD?
.....
YOU NOTICED HE'S BEEN ACTING WEIRD TOO, HUH?
INDEED, ALTHOUGH I HAVE NEVER VISITED HIS CHAMBERS OUTSIDE OF HIS LESSONS...
...ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT PRINCE LEONHARD'S BEHAVIOR?

THIS IS QUITE STRANGE INDEED...
...I ASSUMED THAT HE WOULD PEER AT ME WITH A LOOK LONGING FOR ATTENTION, YET HE HAS NOT.
GIVEN HIS USUAL PATTERN OF BEHAVIOR...
STARE STARE
ちらっ
I WANT HIM TO TEACH MEEE...
NGH... BUT...
...
IT IS THE THIRD DAY SINCE PRINCE LEONHARD DECLARED THAT HE WOULD ACCELERATE HIS STUDIES...
...AND I HAVE NOT SEEN HIM EVEN ONCE IN THE INTERIM.
WHEN WE CALL ON HIM, HE WILL NOT OPEN THE DOOR FOR US.
ABOUT THAT...IT SEEMS HE HAS REMAINED CONFINED IN HIS ROOM THIS ENTIRE TIME.
AND LOOK AT THIS!
I NEVER WENT TO SUCH EXTREMES, EVEN AT MY BUSIEST WHILST WRITING MY THESIS.
HE'S HAD THE SERVANTS BRINGING A SINGLE MEAL TO HIS ROOM EACH DAY.
HE WILL NOT COME OUT EVEN FOR FOOD.

TH-THIS IS...
IT CANNOT BE...
THESE ARE THE MENUS FOR THE MEALS BEING BROUGHT TO HIM.
I GOT THEM FROM THE PALACE KITCHENS.
DUN-DUUUN
HE HASN'T EATEN A SINGLE PIECE OF TORTE IN THREE WHOLE DAYS...!!
THIS IS THE SAME GREAT TORTE DEVIL PRINCE LEONHARD...
...WHO DOES NOT GO A DAY WITHOUT SINKING HIS TEETH INTO A TORTE!?
RIGHT!? RIGHT!? SOMETHING IS DEFINITELY WRONG HERE!!

...THEREFORE, MASTER...
...WOULD YOU ALLOW US SOME TIME TO SPEAK WITH LEONHARD?
IF HE IS INDEED STUDYING IN THERE...
...WE BELIEVE THAT HE WILL OPEN THE DOOR FOR YOUR LESSONS.

TEACHER ...
OF COURSE. I DO NOT MIND.
I AM WORRIED FOR HIM AS WELL.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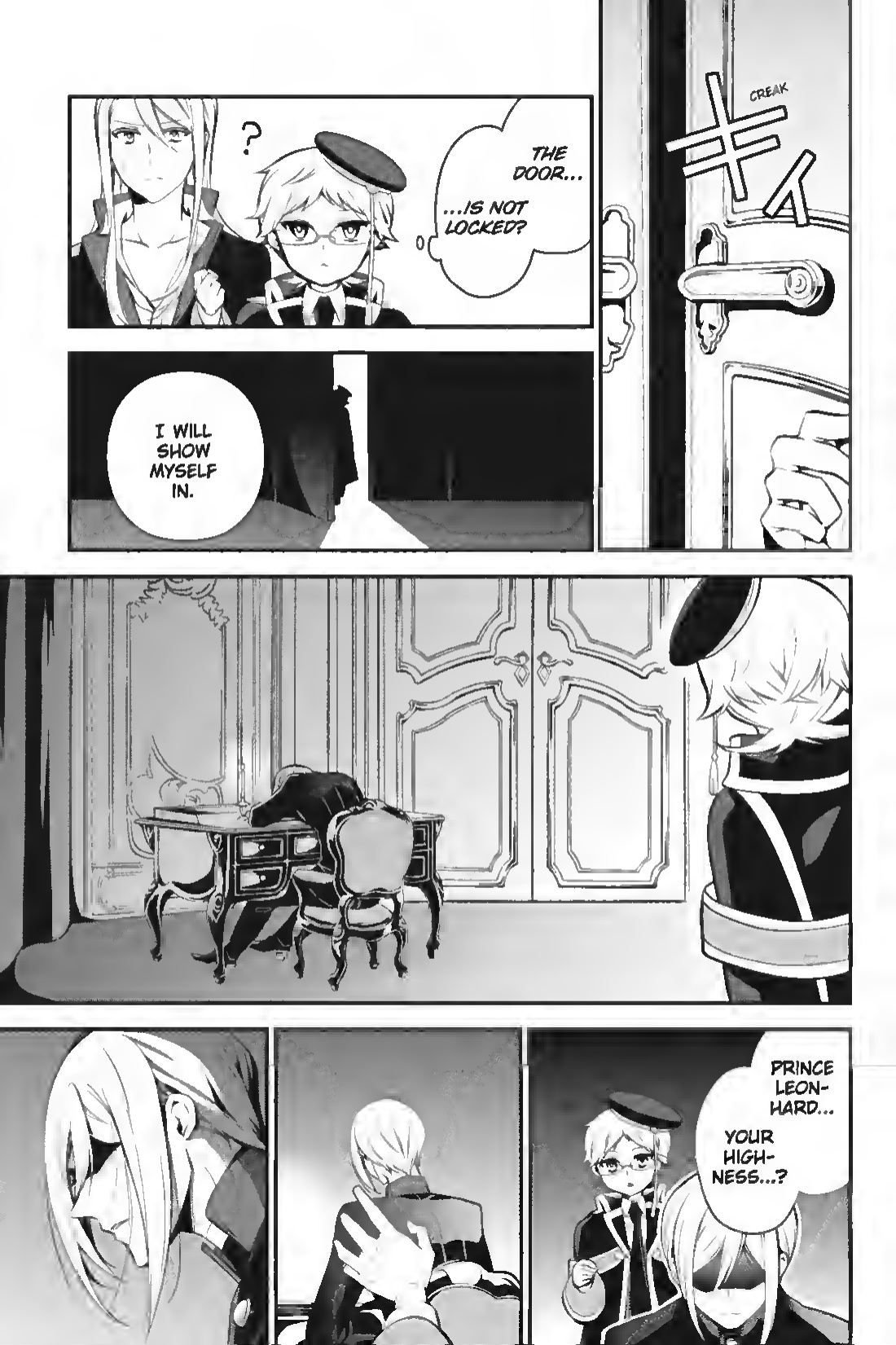
EXCUSE ME, PRINCE LEONHARD.
IT IS TIME FOR TODAY'S LESSONS.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THE DOOR...
...IS NOT LOCKED?
CREAK
I WILL SHOW MYSELF IN.
PRINCE LEONHARD...
YOUR HIGHNESS...?

WHIRL
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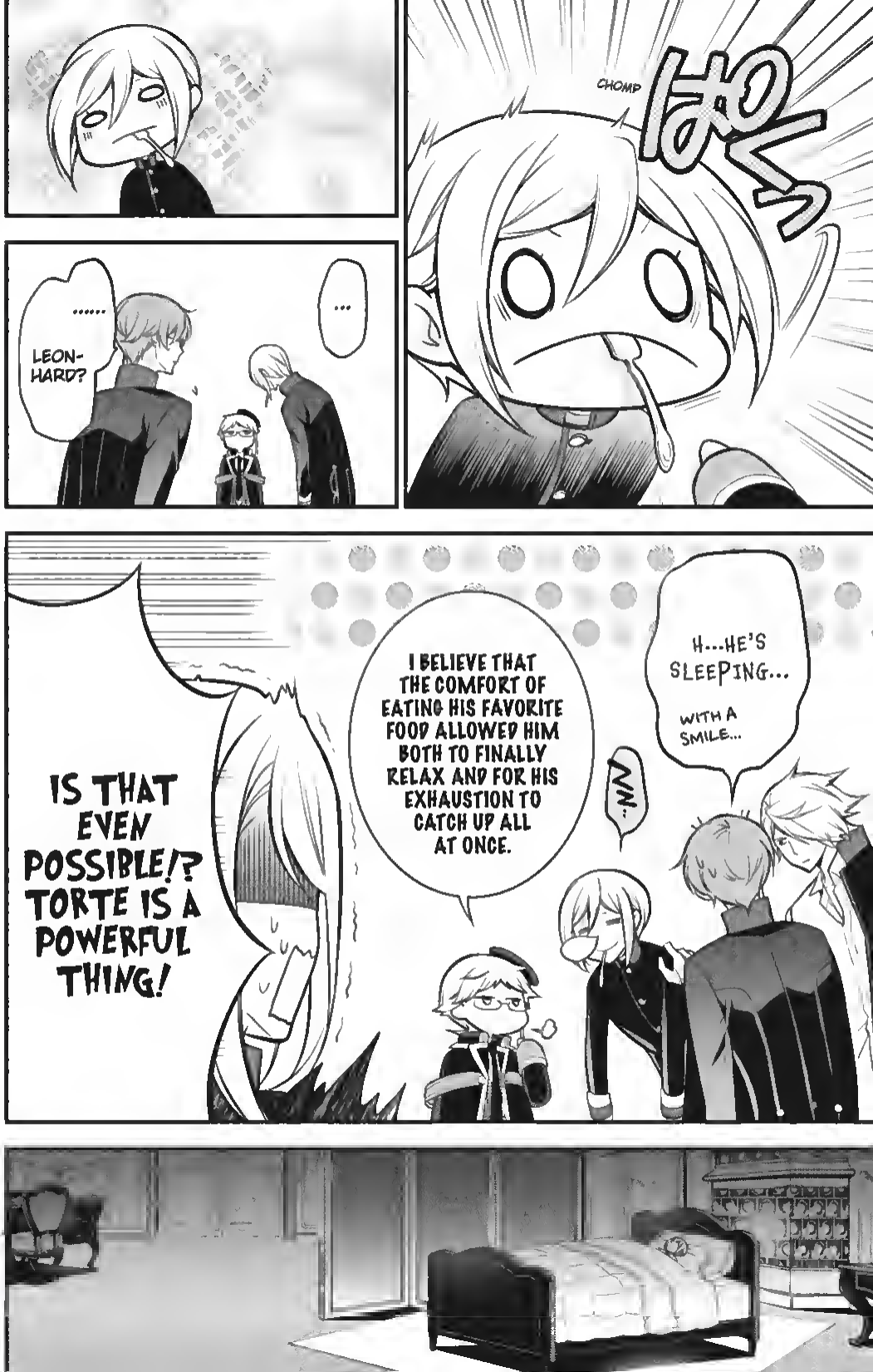
LEAP
HYEEE!
THE KINGDOM OF GRANZREICH'S MAIN PRODUCTS ARE PORCELAIN AND WINE!!
WHEEEE
M-MY GOOD-NESS...
DEAR LORD... HE'S GONE MAD FROM TOO MUCH STUDYING ...
WH-
WHAT ARE YOU—? LEONIE!
IS THAT CHALK!?
MY CLOTHES ARE NOT FOR TAKING NOTES!
SCRIBL SCRIBL かき かき
WILL YOU CUT THE SOLEMN SOLILOQUY SHORT AND HELP ME, YOU FOOL!?
UUNH...
OH, LEONHARD... TO SACRIFICE SO MUCH FOR YOUR STUDIES...

ONE MOMENT, PLEASE.
COME ON! LEONIE! WOULD YOU MIND CUTTING IT OUT!?
TEACH! HELP ME!!
5+5= 10 7x10= 70
SCRIBL
SCRIBL
PRINCE LEONHARD.
107+ 310= ???
5+ 15+17= ??
SCRIBL
SCRIBL
SOB
SOB
5-1
SPARKLE
JOLT
I HAVE YOUR HIGHNESS'S FAVORITE— TORTE!

TORTE...
OHH... BUT... BUT I CAN'T EAT IT NOW...
じゅるる...
DROOL
AH... UNGH...
SLICE
SAY...
..."AHHH!"


CHOMP
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LEON-HARD?
H...HE'S SLEEPING...
WITH A SMILE...
I BELIEVE THAT THE COMFORT OF EATING HIS FAVORITE FOOD ALLOWED HIM BOTH TO FINALLY RELAX AND FOR HIS EXHAUSTION TO CATCH UP ALL AT ONCE.
NN.
IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE!? TORTE IS A POWERFUL THING!

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...MNH...
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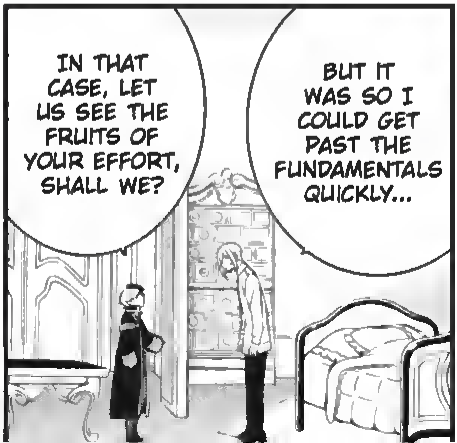
BOLT
——!
DRAT...!
WHEN DID I FALL ASLEEP?
I-IT'S ALREADY DARK OUT!?
ZOOM
G-GOTTA...
...STUDY...

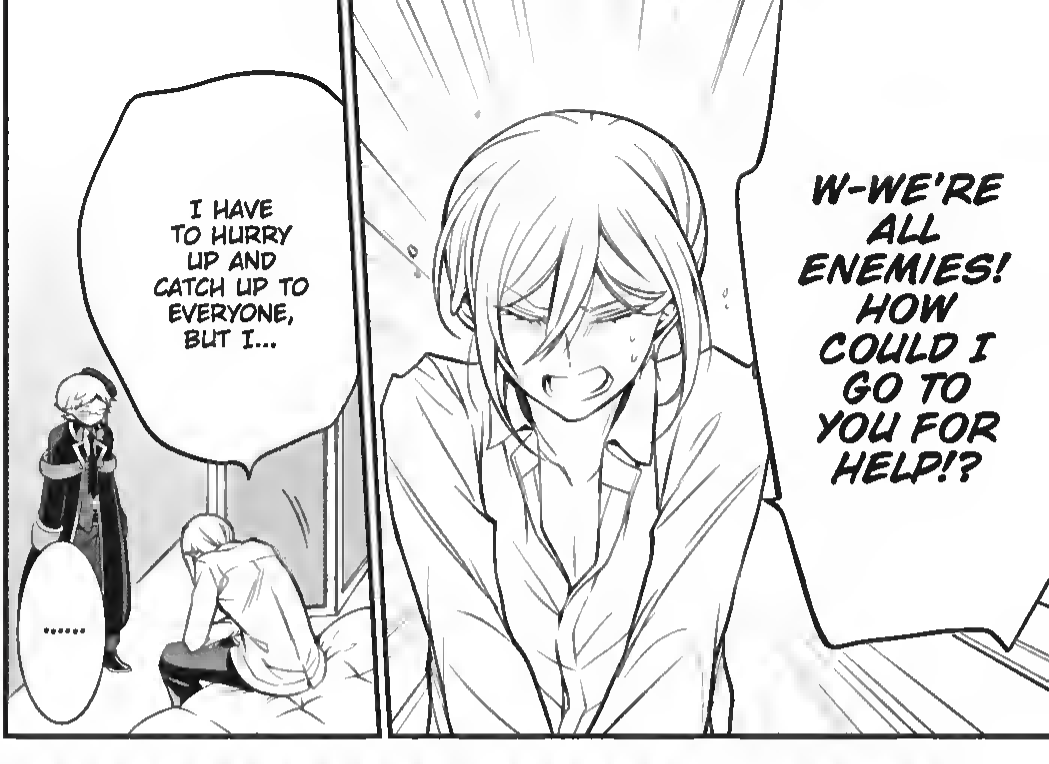
LAZE
だらんめ

UWAA! WH-WHAT ARE YOU ALL DOING IN MY ROOM!?
YOO-HOOOO! YOU BACK WITH US?
YOU'VE AWOKEN, YOUR HIGH-NESS?


BUT IT WAS SO I COULD GET PAST THE FUNDAMENTALS QUICKLY...
IN THAT CASE, LET US SEE THE FRUITS OF YOUR EFFORT, SHALL WE?

HNNGHoo.
GOODNESS GRACIOUS. I TAKE IT YOU HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN GETTING SUFFICIENT SLEEP?

.....
.....
PLEASE TAKE THIS TEST.
IT COVERS FUNDAMENTAL BEGINNER-LEVEL QUESTIONS IN ALL CORE SUBJECTS.
I COMPOSED IT AS YOU SLEPT.
SWIP
M-MY MIND'S ALL FUZZY... I CAN'T THINK AT ALL...
SLUMP
AS TO BE EXPECTED.
WORKING AT THE EXPENSE OF YOUR HEALTH QUITE DEFEATS THE POINT.
MOREOVER, IT LOOKS TO ME AS THOUGH YOU HAVE NOT PROGRESSED VERY FAR BY YOURSELF...
FLINCH
YOU COULD HAVE COME TO MASTER OR THE REST OF US FOR HELP WITH ANY QUESTIONS.
BUT.. A-ASKING HEINE FOR HELP WOULD BE LIKE ADMITTING DEFEAT...
...AND ALL OF YOU ARE...


I HAVE TO HURRY UP AND CATCH UP TO EVERYONE, BUT I...
.....
W-WE'RE ALL ENEMIES! HOW COULD I GO TO YOU FOR HELP!?

.....
E... ENEMIES?

HEH.
.....
WELL, WE'RE ALL COMPETING AGAINST EACH OTHER, AREN'T WE?
EH?
IS THIS ABOUT WHAT I SAID? THAT THE FOUR OF US ARE RIVALS?

EINS IS... TOO...
WE'RE COMPETING... BUT WE'RE ALL AIMING FOR THE SAME GOAL...THAT'S WHAT RIVALS ARE...
SO WE CAN GET ALONG... LIKE WE ALWAYS HAVE...
RIVALS AREN'T THE SAME AS ENEMIES!
ALL OF US BROTHERS ARE WORKING TOWARD THE SAME GRAND GOAL—MAKING GRANZREICH AN EVEN BETTER KINGDOM!
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
R-REALLY!?
ALSO, WHEN PLANNING YOUR LESSONS, I CONSIDER THE OPTIMUM ORDER AND BEST WAY TO DIVIDE YOUR TIME...
...SO THAT YOUR HIGHNESS MAY LEARN EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW.
?
PAT
I-IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T TRUST YOU...
AND ONE MORE THING.
MMBL
MMBL
MMBL
YOU WILL REMAIN IN THE RACE SO LONG AS YOU FOLLOW MY LESSON PLANS.
PLEASE, TRUST ME. DO NOT TRY TO BEAR THE ENTIRE BURDEN YOURSELF.

PLEASE TRUST IN YOURSELF AS WELL.
WHEN FIRST WE MET, YOU TRULY HATED STUDYING AND WOULD TAKE ANY OPPORTUNITY TO RUN FROM IT.
BUT YOU ARE DIFFERENT NOW, ARE YOU NOT?

YOU ARE ALREADY PUSHING FORWARD, LITTLE BY LITTLE.
PLEASE TRUST THAT YOU WILL NOT FAIL.
.....
I... I AM?
THEN I GUESS...
...I DON'T NEED TO BE IN SUCH A RUSH...

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HWOO
OH, I WOULDN'T SAY THAT.
YOU MUST NOT OVEREXTEND YOURSELF, BUT TO BE IN NO RUSH AT ALL WOULD, QUITE FRANKLY, LEAVE YOU IN A PRECARIOUS POSITION.
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HWOOOO
...EH?
...I BELIEVE IT IS ONLY RIGHT TO ACKNOWLEDGE REALITY.
AFTER HIS BOLD BOAST TO PRINCE EINS...
HMTM.
WAAAH!
DON'T SAY THAT! HE'LL THROW A FIT AGAIN!

...FINE.
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
TREMBLE
...I'LL WORK HARD AND AT A GOOD PACE... SO...
...TEACH ME GOOD... HEINE...

PFFT!
GURGLE

OH!

LET'S GO HAVE DINNER!
WELL, THEN! IF YOU'RE PUTTING YOUR BEST FOOT FORWARD, START BY GETTING ENOUGH TO EAT!
UUUGH! DON'T TALK ABOUT BORING STUFF WHILE WE EAT!
OVER DINNER, I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE FROM YOUR STUDIES, SO AS TO TO MAXIMIZE YOUR TIME.
OKAY, LEONIE!?

THE RETURN OF PRINCE EINS...
...HAS IGNITED A FIRE IN THE YOUNGER PRINCES. I AM GLAD.
...ALTHOUGH IT IS UNFORTUNATE...
...I COULD NOT DETERMINE WHETHER THE COUNT AND PRINCE EINS ARE SABOTAGING THE YOUNGER PRINCES' EFFORTS.
"I DO NOT CONSIDER EINS TO BE A FIT CANDIDATE FOR THE THRONE."
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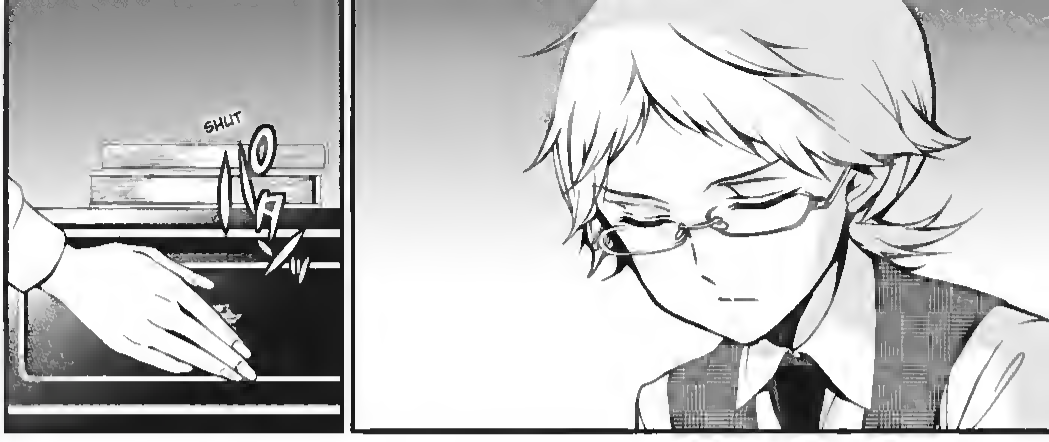
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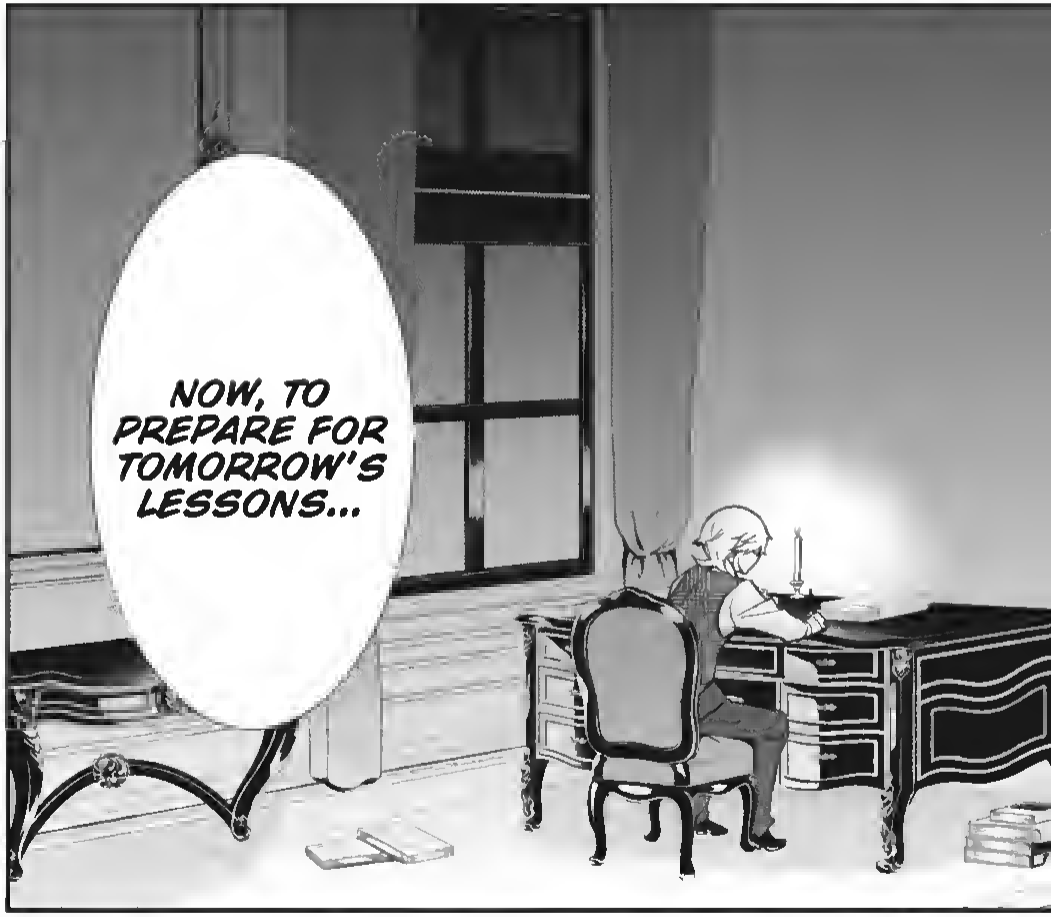
NOW, TO PREPARE FOR TOMORROW'S LESSONS...

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